

**TO:** Board Members

**THROUGH:** Kevin Patteson, Executive Administrator  
John Steib, Chief Deputy Executive Administrator  
Les Trobman, General Counsel

**FROM:** Jeff Walker, Deputy Executive Administrator, Water Supply and Infrastructure  
Darrell Nichols, Director, Regional Water Planning and Development  
Letty Molina, Acting Director of Accounting

**DATE:** January 13, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Authorize request for Applications for HB 1025 Funds

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize the Executive Administrator to publish a Request for Applications in the Texas Register for funds made available by HB 1025 for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,599,008 from the Water Assistance Fund. (Jeff Walker)

## **BACKGROUND**

HB 1025, Section 54, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, authorized up to \$10,000,000 in a 0 percent interest loan or grant for political subdivisions for the acquisition, construction, improvements, or expansion of the water, drainage, or wastewater systems of a political subdivision or for refunding debt issued for such purposes.

The funds available are from unencumbered and unobligated balances from the general revenue fund from Goal A, Water Resource Planning and Goal B, Water Project Financing in Chapter 1355 (H.B. 1), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011 (the General Appropriations Act). The Legislative Budget Board has certified that \$5,599,008 is available for this action.

## **KEY ISSUES**

As per HB 1025, political subdivisions eligible to receive money must be located on a Texas border county that has expended a minimum of \$50,000,000 on a border security or levee project. Additionally, projects eligible to receive money must be an authorized and designated a flood control project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; have a regional impact; and include components related to regional storm water management, flood mitigation, water re-use, reclamation, or water conservation.

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Applications for funding shall utilize the comprehensive application for financial assistance found on the Texas Water Development Board website at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/applications/index.asp>. Additional information describing and validating the qualifications of the political subdivision and project will be required.

It is recommended that the deadline for submittal of applications be on or before 12:00 p.m. on March 27, 2014. All applications received will be evaluated on their completeness and whether the political subdivision and project meet the requirements of the legislation. If the submission meets all of the requirements, it will be submitted to the Board for consideration of funding at a regularly scheduled meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Administrator recommends that the Board authorize the publication of the Request for Applications.

This recommendation has been reviewed by legal counsel and is in compliance with applicable statutes and Board rules.

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Les Trobman  
General Counsel

Attachment - Request for Application

## **Attachment**

(To be published in the *Texas Register*)

### **Texas Water Development Board**

#### **Request for Applications, Funds Available from HB 1025**

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) solicits Request for Applications for the state fiscal year 2014. The total amount of the grants to be awarded under this request for applications to the TWDB shall not exceed \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund.

#### **Introduction and Purpose**

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#### **Summary of the Request for Application**

Solicitation Date (Opening)	Date published in the <i>Texas Register</i>
Due Date (Closing)	12:00 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2014
Anticipated Award Date	May 2014
Estimated Total Funding	\$5,599,008
Eligible applicants	Political subdivisions located on a Texas border county that has expended a minimum of \$50,000,000 on a border security or levee project.
Program Contact	Mr. Darrell Nichols Director, Regional Planning and Development Texas Water Development Board P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231 Phone: 512-463-8491 E-mail: <a href="mailto:darrell.nichols@twdb.texas.gov">darrell.nichols@twdb.texas.gov</a>

Contracting Contact	Mr. David Carter Contract Administration Texas Water Development Board P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231. Phone: 512-936-6079 E-mail: <a href="mailto:contracts@twdb.texas.gov">contracts@twdb.texas.gov</a>
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### **Eligible Projects**

To be eligible for funding, the project must be authorized and designated a flood control project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; have a regional impact; and include components related to regional storm water management, flood mitigation, water re-use, reclamation, or water conservation.

### **Grant Amount**

Up to \$10,000,000 has been authorized. The Legislative Budget Board has certified that \$5,599,008 is available.

### **Application Requirements**

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### **Application Evaluation**

The degree to which an application meets the above evaluation criteria will be determined by TWDB staff. A request for funding a qualified project from a qualified applicant will be presented for consideration at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The TWDB reserves the right to reject any or all applications if staff determines that the application(s) does not adequately meet the required criteria or if the funding available is less than the requested funding. Application instructions are available upon request from Mr. Darrell Nichols at 512-463-8491, [darrell.nichols@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:darrell.nichols@twdb.texas.gov) or online at <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/applications/index.asp>.

### **Deadline for Submission of Applications**

Two double-sided copies and one digital copy (CD or flash drive) of a completed application must be filed with the TWDB on or before 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2014. Applications can be directed either in person to Mr. Darrell Nichols, Texas Water Development Board, Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 510H, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78701; or by mail to Mr. David Carter, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231-- Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.